

Overprint and Perfin Combined (Forgery?) Bulletin 284/5.

PAUL DAVEY writes:- "Further to Tony's note I can add that I have examples of Chinese stamps bearing both genuine perfins and forged overprints. These are cheap stamps with poor forgeries and wisdom suggests that, in post-war Shanghai, dealers who offered packets of "1000 China-all different" were in the habit of adding to their stock by means of a home made overprint. They used perfined stamps as well as normal. I have seen forged perfins on China - though never the combination.

As a footnote, the Mandarin Trading Co (an auctioneer in the US, specialising in China/Asia) has a copy of SG4, the lca large dragon of China with perfin N.C.H. in sale No.22, as lot 105. Described as '...only few copies known (Ex Mizuhara)' the pre-sale estimate is US \$2500. A copy of the same stamp, without perfin, would estimate around \$100-150 depending on cancel/condition etc."